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THE SPANISH GALLEON OF TOBERMORY BAY

ADMIRALTY IN SEARCH OF ARMADA RELIC

WITH the aid of frogmen and divers the Admiralty are now making an attempt to locate the wrecked Spanish galleon which ever since the rout of the Armada in 1588 has been lying at the bottom of Tobermory Bay, in the isle of Mull, Argyllshire.

Good Losers

Some Dubliners seem to be champion "leavers-behind," according to the Irish paper *Cuisle Na Tire*. Certain passengers on the city's transport services leave their belongings behind so regularly that the attendants in the Lost Property office know the articles like old friends, and at once label them with the owners' names.

It has even been known for an owner to claim his lost property, pay the fee, sign the receipt and walk away—leaving his property on the counter!

CHOOSING TO GO HUNGRY

DR P. KEEN, a senior surgeon at the Native Hospital in Johannesburg, recently spoke of a little mystery which he solved in a Bantu school.

Although all children had the same teachers and followed the same programmes of study in the various grades, certain day boys regularly failed their exams.

The Swazi boys who rode long journeys to school each morning were the failures; the day boys of other tribes had no difficulty.

Investigating the problem, Dr Keen discovered that among the Swazis it is traditional for boys and men not to touch food except at meal times; the transport and preparation of meals was a job for women.

Rather than break this age-old folk custom, the Swazi boys never took lunches with them to school, as the other boys did; they preferred to do their lessons on empty stomachs, and hunger and success at exams do not go together.

A solution was found by providing school meals for day scholars as well as boarders. The Swazi boys were soon passing exams as well as the others.

Old Bones

DR W. E. SWINTON has just returned from a tour of museums in the U.S.A., where he examined collections of skeletons of the dinosaur. As a result the Natural History Museum at South Kensington will be building up its collection of these prehistoric skeletons. Although some specimens are 90 feet long, others are as small as dogs.

According to tradition the Spanish galleon, believed to be the *Almirante de Florencia*, was trying to escape from the pursuing English frigates after the defeat of the Armada by sailing round the north of Scotland, but was forced by storms to seek refuge in Tobermory Bay.

Here the records of the Clan Maclean and the State documents of Scotland take up the story. As the Spanish vessel was short of supplies its captain approached Sir Lachlan Maclean, Chief of the Maclean clan, and asked him to supply food; and the chieftain agreed to do so on condition that the Spaniards helped the Macleans to fight their enemies.

This agreement was carried out, the Spanish crew fighting side by side the Highland clansmen while stores were carried on board. Just as the vessel was about to sail, however, Maclean demanded payment for the food supplied.

The Spanish captain refused to pay, so Maclean ordered one of his retainers to lay a trail of gunpowder to the ship's magazine. When this was set alight the galleon blew up and sank to the bottom of the bay with 350 officers and men.

Gold and Silver

Many unsuccessful efforts have been made to locate the *Florencia*, which was reputed to be carrying 30,000,000 gold ducats when she was sunk; as recently as 1912 silver goblets and dishes were recovered in salvage operations there, and from time to time relics of the ill-fated vessel have been washed ashore.

But the exact position of the Spanish galleon has still to be located! It has become buried in the silt of the sea-bed and the task of finding it will not be easy. It remains to be seen whether the latest Admiralty expedition will be more successful than previous ventures.

Have They Fluorided Your Teeth?

OVER 3000 young schoolboys and girls in various parts of England are to be the subjects of an experiment in a new method of protecting teeth against decay.

The experiment consists simply in wetting the teeth with a fluoride solution.

It has been noticed for some years that in those districts where flouride is found in drinking water there is very much less dental decay than elsewhere.

It is hoped, therefore, that by occasionally applying the solution



to the teeth of children living in areas where the water is non-fluoride, many a visit to the dentist will be obviated.

The fluoride solution causes no discomfort whatever, and does not affect the appearance of the teeth. The treatment will be given over a period of some years, the children's teeth being examined annually.

The "fluorided" ones will all be under 12 years, because older children will have left school before the full effects of the treatment can be observed.

TRUE

BLUE

1150 MILES THROUGH A PIPE

THE British Commonwealth's longest continuous oil pipe-line is now under construction in Western Canada, and will be ready for use early in 1951.

Beginning at Edmonton in the heart of the Alberta oilfield, the 1150-mile pipe-line will end at Superior, Wisconsin, a port on Lake Superior. The cost of laying the pipe-line and building the pumping stations will be 90 million dollars.

The rapid expansion of the Alberta oilfields, where 55 new wells have started production during the past three years, has meant more oil being produced than can be used in Western Canada. So the pipe-line is being built to transport the crude oil cheaply to Eastern Canada and the U.S.A.

Great Storage Plant

About 4,200,000 gallons of oil will be delivered through the pipes every day, and from Superior it will be transported in Great Lakes tankers to industrial cities to the east. Because the lakes are frozen in winter, making navigation impossible, a storage plant for 42 million gallons of oil will be located at Superior.

Altogether 175,000 tons of steel pipe will be required for the line. The pipe will be of 16, 18, and 20-inch diameter.

Apart from pipe-laying, pumping stations and small airfields have to be built. The pumping stations will send oil from Edmonton through the line to arrive at Superior 26 days later.

The airfields are for air patrols which will constantly fly the length of the line keeping a sharp look-out for leaks.

When the pipe-line is full of oil it will hold 64,330,000 gallons, enough to supply all Canada for six days. To make the pipe-line trench five feet deep, two wide, and 1150 miles long will mean excavating 2,250,000 cubic yards of soil. This is sufficient to make a pile the size of a soccer pitch rising one mile in the air.



No one could show more unswerving loyalty to the Cambridge crew than Margaret Arthur, three-year-old daughter of W. T. Arthur, the South African who will row No 4 in the Cambridge boat against Oxford next week. In the picture on the right the Oxford boat is shown taking shape at Putney.

Britain's Overseas Trade is Growing

SOME figures which have recently been published reveal an encouraging increase in Britain's export trade, though unhappily we have not solved all our commerce problems.

A White Paper on our operations under the Economic Co-operation Agreement with America during the last quarter of 1949 states that our volume of exports then reached a new peak at 159 per cent of the average for 1938. Later figures from our Board of Trade confirm this progress.

Last January, for example, we sold to foreign countries 26,000 motor-cars, a record number for any month, and we have actually doubled our car exports to Canada, Britain's second biggest overseas customer.

The motor-car, of course, is but one of the many export commodities we sell, but we stress it because Britain is always keener to trade in manufactured goods than raw materials; it is the factory-made products which keep most of our workpeople busy. For this reason the rise in exports of manufactured goods such as machinery, tractors, textiles, cottons, and chemicals is most welcome.

Dollar Shortage

Our dollar position, however, is still unsatisfactory. Neither we nor, for that matter, our European neighbours are selling enough to America or earning enough dollars to pay for imports. It may not be entirely our own fault. Many traders are pointing out that ordinary American men and women are not showing sufficient interest in our goods or the goods produced by other Marshall Aid countries.

In Aid of Red Indians

SOME fine work is being done by the United States Government, private organisations, and Rotarians, in aid of the Navajo (or Navaho) Indians, 65,000 of whom inhabit New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Colorado.

Much of the land on which they live is naturally arid and non-productive, so experts have been helping to make sufficient soil fertile for crops to be grown. Medical help, food, and other necessities are also being given.

The Navajos are the largest of the remaining U.S. Indian tribes. They are intelligent people, and from time immemorial their womenfolk have been expert weavers of tapestry rugs and blankets.

STAMPS ON SHOW

THE first International Stamp Exhibition to be held in London since 1923 is due to be opened at Grosvenor House, 110 years after Britain introduced the first adhesive postage stamps—the famous penny black.

The Exhibition is being held from May 6 to 13 and will include over 100 pages of stamps from the collection of the King and his father, King George the Fifth.

The King has made his own collection, and among his stamps on view will be an interesting series of British, Dominion, and Colonial stamps of his reign.

Although the drain on our gold and hard currency reserves has eased up since devaluation, we still lose too many of the precious dollars to be complacent about it.

Fortunately, in recent months a new, but actually a return to an old way of trading with our partners in the European Recovery Programme has been coming into the picture. This new-old way is simply permission for private traders to obtain supplies from any Marshall Aid country and at the best price they can. Our friends on the Continent have been permitting the same thing themselves, and so almost suddenly an important advance in what is called the liberalisation of European trade has become a fact.

Freer Trade

There is no need for the traders in the "freed" commodities to ask for licences or currency permits—these goods are now subject only to the ordinary customs duty. Sweden, for instance, is allowing the importation of many thousands of motor-cars from Britain this year instead of the trickle previously permitted. We, on our part, are to get bigger supplies of paper and board from Sweden.

The hope is that, as time goes on, more and more goods will be allowed to cross frontiers without let or hindrance. Such liberalisation of trade can only have one result—we shall obtain as many goods as possible from the "soft" currency countries—this will certainly save dollars.

NEW COVENTRY

BRITISH ex-Servicemen who have emigrated to Australia are planning to build a new town on the outskirts of Sydney, as a memorial to Britain's fallen in the two World Wars. The town will be named New Coventry and will cost £1,500,000.

New Coventry will have its own parks, roads, shops, theatre, churches, and hotel, as well as 1000 houses. Later it will have its own industries and will be self-supporting, for its citizens will work as well as live there.

Lighthouse For Y H A?

HIGH on the cliffs near Beachy Head stands the Belle Tout lighthouse, sorely battered by the anti-tank shells used by Canadian troops at practice during the war.

This lighthouse was first built in 1834, but went out of use in 1902 for it was found that clouds often cut off its beam from the sea, some 400 feet below. A new lighthouse was built at the foot of Beachy Head and the old building became the home of Sir James Purves-Stewart, who lived there until the war, and afterwards gave it to Eastbourne.

Now Belle Tout has been offered for a lease of 99 years at £5 per year to the London Region of the Youth Hostels Association if they can find the necessary £10,000 to convert it into a hostel.

HEARTFELT THANKS

THE people of Britain intend to say "thank you" in a fitting manner to the Dominions and the United States for their wonderful food gifts. A National Thanksgiving Fund has been launched by the Lord Mayor of London, and it is hoped to raise £2,000,000, which is to be used principally for developing in London a centre for students coming here from the Commonwealth and the United States.

This will be an appropriate way to show our gratitude for £80,000,000 worth of food gifts which include 130,000,000 lbs of gifts in bulk distributed by the Commonwealth Gift Centre—figures which take no account of large numbers of gifts sent by organisations overseas to their counterparts here.

Perhaps never in history have there been such acts of friendship between free peoples.

It is planned to spend £800,000 of the money we shall so willingly subscribe on erecting a building for married and women students in London, and a residential hall for men students. It is also planned to reconstruct houses at a cost of £250,000 for men students from the United States, and to set aside £600,000 for the upkeep of these buildings; £150,000 will be used for the overseas students' hall in Scotland.

Donations can be handed over to a bank or post office, or sent to the Lord Mayor of London, The Mansion House, London, EC4, in an envelope marked National Thanksgiving Fund.

Counting the Caribou

FOR those who live in Canada's remote north-western areas fresh meat often means caribou meat. But this handsome reindeer is valuable for other reasons, too. Caribou antlers are used for making arrow shafts, bow tips, and sledge brakes; the fat is used for fuel; the sinews take the place of sewing thread, and can also be braided into fishing lines.

The Canadian Wildlife Service has recently been trying to find out more about the caribou and its habits. An aerial survey watched the massive companies of the caribou migrating in herds about twenty miles wide and a hundred miles deep. Two herds numbering tens of thousands of animals were sighted during one day's flight. Conclusions are to be published, and one of them is the assurance to Caradians in the wilds that they will not go short of caribou meat.

Falmouth Bell in a Desert School

A DESERT school in the Jordan Valley for Arab refugees, described in the C.N. some weeks ago, will this month have the school bell it needed.

It is a little brass handbell that stood on the window-sill of Mrs Dawe's house in the Cornish town of Falmouth. Mrs Dawe read that the headmaster of this school in the wilderness, Mr Fattah Nounih, wanted a bell, and she wrote to Unesco's Paris office offering her bell.

It is being taken to the desert school this month by Mr Van Vliet of Unesco.

News From EVERYWHERE

Exporting Schools

Twenty aluminium schools left Weston, Somerset, recently as part of a £260,000 order for 100 schools placed by the Government of Victoria, Australia.

Japanese toy-makers have designed a clever clockwork orchestra of animals; it can play the popular American song, "Oh Susanna."

More than 400,000 articles are going by air each week from Australia to overseas countries. Two years ago the weekly average was fewer than 300,000. Air mail articles and letters to Britain alone number 185,000 a week.

Troop Leader Newton Shipley, 16, of the 88th Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Kenton) Group, has been awarded the Cornwell Badge for his fortitude. Although one of his legs had to be amputated after his home was bombed, he has become a First Class Scout and is now working for his King's Scout Badge.

LUCKY YOUNG FARMERS

Three young men—Peter A. Walker of Llangollen, Tom Dibble of Swindon, Wilts, and Charles D. Brewis of Morpeth, Northumberland, will attend the Royal Sydney Show, Australia, this summer. They have been chosen to represent the 70,000 young men and women engaged in farming in Great Britain.



Built in six months by 23-year-old Cynthia Gay, a member of the Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club, this racing dinghy is 10½ feet long and four feet wide.

The Scout Troop at Buffalo Creek, British Columbia, with three boys and a Scoutmaster, has lost its claim to be the world's smallest. A Troop at Tuktoyaktuk, 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle, has only two boys, and their Scoutmaster is a woman teacher at the local Mission School.

In February British foundries turned out 1,300,000 tons of steel, breaking all previous production records.

The de Havilland Comet, the world's first four-jet airliner, is to be given tropical trials at Khar-toum next month. Jet engines are particularly sensitive to changes in temperature.

War on Weeds

This year 14,861 miles of railway track on British Railways will be sprayed with weed-killer. Eight trains equipped with special apparatus will carry out the work, using 4838 tons of chemical weedkiller.

As a result of the Highland hydro-electric schemes nearly 19,000 Scottish homes had electricity installed last year.

The first demonstration of colour television for teaching dental surgery was given recently at Guy's Hospital in London. Nearly 500 dentists watched operations being carried out in another part of the building.

About 500 young Yorkshiremen from the West Riding are to stay with German families this summer. Their visit has been arranged by the Riding's Youth Committee.

FINE RECORDS

Barking has had a whole year without a fatal road accident for the first time since records began in 1935. At Leyton no child was killed on the roads in 1949, and Twickenham has had no child road death for three years.

A thousand boys are expected to take part in this year's Boys' Brigade Display at the Royal Albert Hall on May 5 and 6. The programme will include gymnastics, sports, and novelty items, and performances by massed bands of over 200 boys.

Turkey will have received 4000 farm tractors by the end of April under the Marshall Plan.

The new cadet training ship Chantala, sister ship to the cadet ship Chindwara, is due to make her maiden voyage to Australia on March 23. She is a motor-vessel of 9000 tons built for the British India Steam Navigation Company, and can accommodate 31 cadets. She also carries cargo and passengers.

Good Job

A firm at Springfield, Ohio, is to give a new car to over 100 employees who have been with the firm for a year or more.

Four Rover Scouts from Portsmouth have set off on a hike round the world. Paying their way by doing whatever work they can get, they expect to take from three to five years.

Britain has produced the first motor-car driven by a gas-turbine. More than £100,000 has been spent on it during seven years of research.

Lady Alice is the name given a lake which has been discovered on Mount Kenya. It is named after the Duchess of Gloucester.

The United States, Britain, France, and the Netherlands have agreed on a programme for improving the standard of living of their Caribbean subjects.

LONG HIKE

Two young men from Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, have set out on a hike through East Africa and Europe to England with only £10 between them. They are Don Fuller, a new Zealander, and Harry Strachan from Pietermaritzburg. They are carrying a light tent, change of clothing, and fishing rods.

According to Dr Julian Huxley the population of the world—already about 2,200,000,000—is increasing at the rate of two people every three seconds.

Twenty-one Nigerian officials are spending five months in Britain studying local government.

While ploughing a field at Ellesmere in Shropshire a man found 349 Roman silver coins.

The Pope recently spoke in French, German, English, Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese to pilgrims of different nationalities at the Vatican!



Off Duty

Bill Martin, lifeboat mechanic, hangs out the washing on the beach at Hastings during a sunny spell.

DYEING IN AUSTRALIA

THE Bradford Dyers' Association have decided to build a dye-works at Sale, 125 miles from Melbourne, Australia. The works will dye and print rayon woven fabrics, and, except for key-workers and technicians from England, will be staffed by local labour.

BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE

MOST people when they are dissatisfied with their house try to get another, but an American recently put dynamite under his and blew it up.

This somewhat eccentric behaviour led to a court charge. People argued that being out of temper with a house is no excuse for blowing it up. But another surprise awaited them—the Attorney-General of Wisconsin ruled that a man may blow up his own house so long as he does not hurt anyone.

ANIMAL TALK

CAN animals talk? Although no one has yet found an animal which can chat as glibly as they do in nursery stories there is no doubt that most animals have some sort of vocabulary intelligible to their own kind if not to humans.

Recording the "language" of some 4000 different creatures is the big job undertaken by Mr Arthur M. Greenhall at Detroit Zoological Park, and an article in the April issue of World Digest explores this fascinating subject.

World Digest is now on sale, price one shilling, and contains more than a score of stories and articles gathered from all over the world and of interest to every member of the family.

HAMSTER BAN

TYNWALD, the legislative body of the Isle of Man, has just prohibited the import of hamsters, which were becoming very popular as pets in the island. These rodents multiply rapidly, and if only a few escaped the whole of the island's crops might eventually be threatened with destruction.

BLenheim's TINY SILK FLAG

ON April 1 Blenheim Palace, the Duke of Marlborough's Oxfordshire home, will be opened to the public after long occupation by Government departments.

This splendid dwelling, in its park covering nearly four square miles, cost almost £250,000 to build. It was presented to the first Duke of Marlborough as a reward for his victory in the battle fought near the village of Blenheim, in Bavaria, in 1704. The Duke was in command of a joint English and Austrian army, and defeated the French and their Bavarian allies after a struggle which lasted only a few hours.

There was a condition attached to the gift—that on the anniversary of the battle, August 13, the Duke must present the Sovereign with a small silk French flag.

This token payment is still made each year, but although it is such a trifling rent for so fine a building and estate, the costs of upkeep are so heavy that the present Duke has to charge fees to visitors to help to pay them.

TRYING OUT EACH OTHER'S SCHOOLS

DOVER COLLEGE is to welcome 20 boys from a famous French school, the Collège de Juilly, who will live and work at the English school for a time while 20 Dover College boys go to the Collège de Juilly, which is about 30 miles from Paris.

This is, perhaps, the largest exchange of French and English schoolboys ever made. Each party will be accompanied by one of their own masters, but will enter fully into the life of the school to which they will temporarily belong. For the idea is not only to help them to learn the language, but to give each group

experience of what life is like in a school of the other nation.

The English boys will find that tradition can play as big a part in a French school as in a British, for the Collège de Juilly was founded in 1639 and has had some famous old boys, including La Fontaine, the poet of the Fables; Montesquieu, the famous writer on law; Malebranche, the Cartesian philosopher; Jérôme Bonaparte; and the two Stuart princes, the Duke of Monmouth and the Duke of Berwick.

The aim of the College, wrote Malebranche, is to make boys "manly, Christian, and French."

PAYING WITH GOLD

WHEN Mr William Ovenden retired recently after serving the Canterbury Gas and Water Company as a clerk for 57 years, he recalled the days when nearly all the coal used at the Canterbury works came by the now-disused railway from Whitstable.

The coal was landed at Whitstable, and Mr Ovenden, as a junior clerk then earning £40 a year, was sent down with a bag of golden sovereigns to pay the captain of the vessel for his cargo, and almost always received a half-sovereign as a tip! Now, 50 years after, few junior clerks have ever seen a golden coin!

SNOW WHITE IN GERMANY

GERMANS are to have their first opportunity to enjoy Walt Disney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, which is to be seen at Cologne. The film should have been shown in Germany in 1940, but the Nazi Government could not afford the foreign currency to pay the royalties.

The version now to be shown is in a South German dialect, and of the seven dwarfs only Happy keeps his original name. Doc becomes Chef, Sneezy is Hatschi, and Dopey has the name of the traditional Bavarian clown Seppel.

FOR THE FESTIVAL

So that some famous English gardens may look their best in 1951, the Festival of Britain authorities have allotted a sum of money to the National Trust for the restoration of gardens which particularly need it.

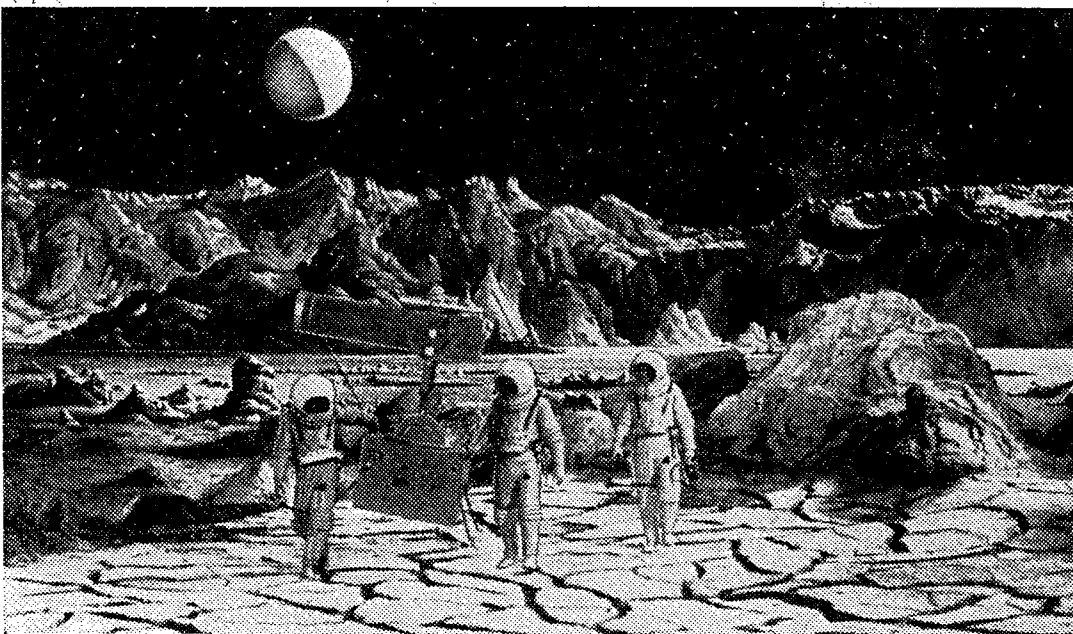
Five gardens have been chosen as most likely to repay special treatment in the short time: Charlecote Park, near Stratford-on-Avon, scene of Shakespeare's traditional poaching exploit; Stourhead, Wiltshire, one of the finest examples of 18th-century landscape designing; Killerton, Devon, famous for its rhododendrons; Cotehele, Cornwall; and Leith Hill Place, Surrey.

MINERS' SCOURGE

THE third International Labour Office conference on pneumoconiosis (dust on the lung) has been held in Sydney, Australia, in part as a tribute to the brilliant efforts made by New South Wales to master the underground-mining scourges.

Thirty years ago a commission was appointed to inquire into the health of miners at Broken Hill, N.S.W. Due to research and other measures, not one "new" case of silicosis has been reported from Broken Hill, famous for its lead and copper mines, during the last 20 years.

The term "new" applies to miners who began mining for the first time after dust control methods were first introduced at Broken Hill, over 20 years ago.



The First Men on the Moon

An American film, based on scientific knowledge, has been made showing what the conditions are likely to be for the first men who reach the Moon. Because the Moon's gravitational pull is only one-sixth of the Earth's, the explorers are able to carry a heavy astronomical camera with ease.

GIFT TO BOLTON

BOLTON Corporation in Lancashire has just received from a local cotton-spinning firm a gift of playing-fields estimated to be worth £50,000.

The playing fields of 25 acres at Sharples Park, Astley Bridge, include five tennis courts, three bowling greens, dressing-rooms, pavilion, two football pitches, and a cricket ground. They were originally provided for the company's employees, but had not been used to their fullest extent; and in view of the shortage of recreation fields in Bolton it was the wish of the firm's directors that the grounds should be used by a wide section of the public.

SWEDISH HOLIDAY FOR TEACHERS

THE Swedish Ministry of Education has granted funds to subsidise visits to Sweden this summer of British history and geography teachers. The visits will comprise one week of instructive sightseeing and one week of lectures, excursions, and visits to schools. Numbers will be limited and early application should be made to the PIR Department, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London, W.C.1.

STAMP NEWS

NEW ZEALAND has obtained permission to use a picture of Prince Charles and Princess Elizabeth as the basis of the design of the 1950 Health set.

THE South American State of Panama has issued two stamps in honour of Dr Carlos Finlay, who did much valuable work in helping to check the yellow fever disease.

A SHORT set of stamps is in preparation in Finland to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the foundation of Helsinki.

CANADA has issued a new 50-cent stamp showing a typical oil scene in Alberta Province.

DENMARK and Japan both celebrate 25 years of broadcasting this spring, and both countries will issue special stamps for the occasion.

A TASMANIAN dental surgeon, who has saved every Australian stamp since 1913, has sold his collection for more than £10,000—the biggest stamp deal in Australia's history.

IN SEARCH OF THE RARE WHITE RHINO

MR CARR-HARTLEY, a farmer who lives in Kenya, makes money by catching white rhinos; and how profitable the work is may be judged from the fact that the Antwerp Zoo recently paid the Sudan Government a million francs for a young pair of these rare animals.

Mr Hartley was commissioned by the Sudan Government to do the job, and agreed to pay a fine of £300 should he kill a single adult white rhino in catching the two young ones. That he delivered the baby creatures without injury to them or their parents shows how thoroughly he understands Africa's wild life.

It is not clear why one species of rhino should be called black and another white, for both are dirty grey and not distinguishable by colour. In other respects, however, the white rhino differs from the black variety.

There seems to be two distinct species of the white or square-lipped rhino, which is a grazer and lives on grass. Of the southern species, which used to be plentiful in South Africa, only about 200 survive in Zululand. Of the northern species, living in the grassy plain country of Northern Uganda and the Sudan, about 60 survive.

Black rhinos do not eat grass; they are browsers, their chief diet being the twigs and leaves of thorn scrub. They have a V-shaped upper lip which enables them almost to suck the leaves

off the thorny branches. Thus while the black and white rhinos have identical colours, they are easily distinguishable by their V-shaped lips and square lips.

White rhinos are peaceful animals; the black rhino is a voracious creature. The white rhino has never been known to injure humans except in self-defence; but the black rhino will charge ruthlessly at sight.

Mr Hartley used a Bren carrier in capturing his baby rhinos for the Antwerp Zoo. He followed a family for days, and at an opportune moment dashed up, lassoed the calves, hustled them into cages on his carrier, and drove off. There was no cruelty.

Young rhinos cause little trouble, and almost immediately attach themselves to their captors, sometimes within a matter of moments. But to make certain of their diet, Mr Hartley first wrote to Dr Bigalke, at the Pretoria Zoo, where two baby white rhinos have been successfully reared.

Bulky Present

PANDIT NEHRU, the Indian Prime Minister, has sent two baby elephants to American children. When they arrive Mrs Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Pandit Nehru's sister, who is the Indian Ambassador to the United States, will present them to Washington Zoo.

MORE ABOUT MARS

THE presence of the planet Mars in the evening sky at the present time may recall to CN readers some of the many problems associated with this emblem of the God-of-War, including scare notions as to the possibility of our fair Earth being invaded by terrible Martians, and equally silly notions of Mars being one day explored by humans from Mother Earth, carried there in space-cruising contraptions.

Actually, the only exploration that is practicable is from the surface of Terra Firma with the aid of telescopes, spectroscopes, celestial cameras, thermocouples, and the like. A wealth of data has been thus collected from innumerable observations. These present to the inquisitive astronomer, and in fact anyone who pauses to reflect, many fascinating problems as to what conditions are like on Mars.

An Attractive Book

A timely translation by P. A. Moore, F.R.A.S., of a very interesting work, *The Planet Mars*, by Gérard de Vaucouleurs, has recently been published (Faber and Faber, 10s 6d), to give inquirers a clear and concise presentation of just what these Martian problems consist of. It is an easily understood record of the progress of the discoveries up to the present day in the light of astronomical and astrophysical knowledge. The author discusses whether the planet possesses water and an atmosphere capable of sustaining life, the evidence for the existence of life, and, of course, the so-called "canals."

Five photographic plates, together with a map and several diagrams, add to the attractiveness of this informative work which enables the reader to form his own conclusions, to a great extent, as to whether Mars is habitable. G. F. M.

Elizabethan School

A DOCUMENT handed for safe keeping to the Dean and Chapter of Bangor is believed to be the original charter of Queen Elizabeth to the Friars School at Bangor. Found by a firm of London solicitors among the papers of a family they could not trace, it bears a coloured portrait of Elizabeth as a young woman. This Welsh school was established in 1568—for 12 pupils.

A Handsome Bird Returns to Britain

TWO years ago the CN gave young naturalists the good news that the very rare wading bird, the avocet, had begun to breed again in England after an absence of about 125 years. Now comes the news that the avocets are continuing their annual breeding visits, thanks entirely to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

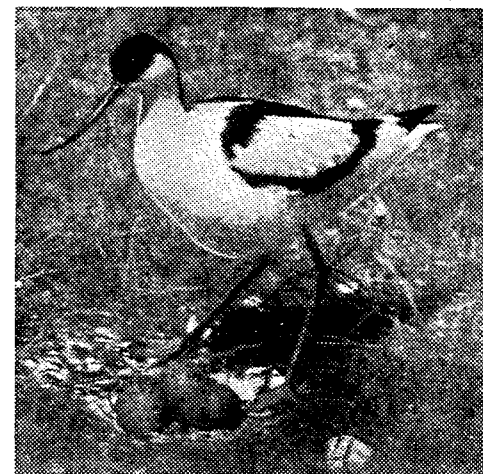
The Society's 59th Annual Report reprints from *The Times* a long account of this most interesting bird, and of the struggle the R.S.P.B.'s devoted helpers had in protecting the avocets' new breeding-place, on Havergate Island on the Suffolk coast, from floods and rats. As a result of their efforts 17 pairs brought up families last year, and by the end of June as many as 50 or 60 avocets were seen feeding their young. Probably two or three pairs bred elsewhere.

In former times avocets were regular summer visitors, generally breeding in low-lying land near the coast, but their striking appearance attracted human enemies. In the early days of last century one of their last breeding-grounds was at Salthouse on the Norfolk coast, where the villagers made puddings of their eggs and killed the birds to get their

feathers for making artificial flies for fishing.

So the avocets gave up trying to raise families here and were only occasionally seen as passers-by.

The bird is remarkable for having an upturned beak, and this gave it its old names of "Cobbler's-awl" and "Shooing-horn." It uses this scimitar-shaped beak for scooping water



An avocet with its nest and eggs

or mud with a side-to-side motion in its search for food. It haunts marshes, and its partly-webbed feet enable it to run over the mud; it can also swim well.

It is about 17 inches long and is white with bold black bands on its head, back, and tail. Let us hope these interesting and handsome birds become plentiful again near our coasts.

A LITTLE PEEP AT THE CHILDREN'S ZOO

THE Children's Zoo at Regent's Park, now beginning to replenish its stock for the coming season, has acquired a new "recruit" unexpectedly, writes the CN Zoo Correspondent. He is Hubert, a khaki Campbell drake.

Hubert was found in the grounds one night by Keeper Hubert Jones, of the waterfowl section, as he was out patrolling after dark. From his records he knew that the bird did not belong to the Zoo, but must have flown in from the neighbouring park; and as it seemed unusually friendly, he took it to the Children's Zoo, thinking it might make an acceptable pet.

"We gave Hubert a pen all to himself and he seems to be settling down well," Miss Pat Proctor, the supervisor, told me. "Later, if there are no claimants for him, he will be put on the duck pond, where no doubt he will soon make friends with the Aylesbury and other khaki Campbell ducks that live there during the season."

Meanwhile, a new home is having to be found for one of the Children's Zoo old favourites, seven-year-old Rajah, the riding elephant. Because no stall was available for him in the section, Rajah has been living in a stable at the sanatorium. When he first went there he stood little more than six feet high and weighed under a ton. In fact, he had plenty of "elbow room."

Today, Rajah stands eight feet; his weight is one and three-quarter tons; and he has completely outgrown his present quarters.

The Zoo is handicapped, at the moment, in having no proper elephant house, and so it has been decided to take over a room at the western end of the Mappin Terraces and make it into a temporary stable for Rajah. The move will probably suit Rajah all right. It adjoins a section of the catering department. In short, Rajah will be in the happy position of being next-door to the bun supply! C. H.

Our Shrinking Coastline

COAST erosion on the eastern side of Britain has long been a serious problem. A survey just made by officials of Whitby Parish Church in Yorkshire, shows something of the way in which the North Sea is making advances into the coast.

The church itself is now 76 feet nearer the sea than it was in 1817! During the last thirty years some ten feet of the church-

yard on the cliffs has subsided and left a grass verge again ten feet below the normal height of the cliffs.

Most of this damage is done during wintertime, and people who know the sea only in its kinder moods in summer can hardly visualise the severe hammerings and poundings undergone by our cliff coastline.

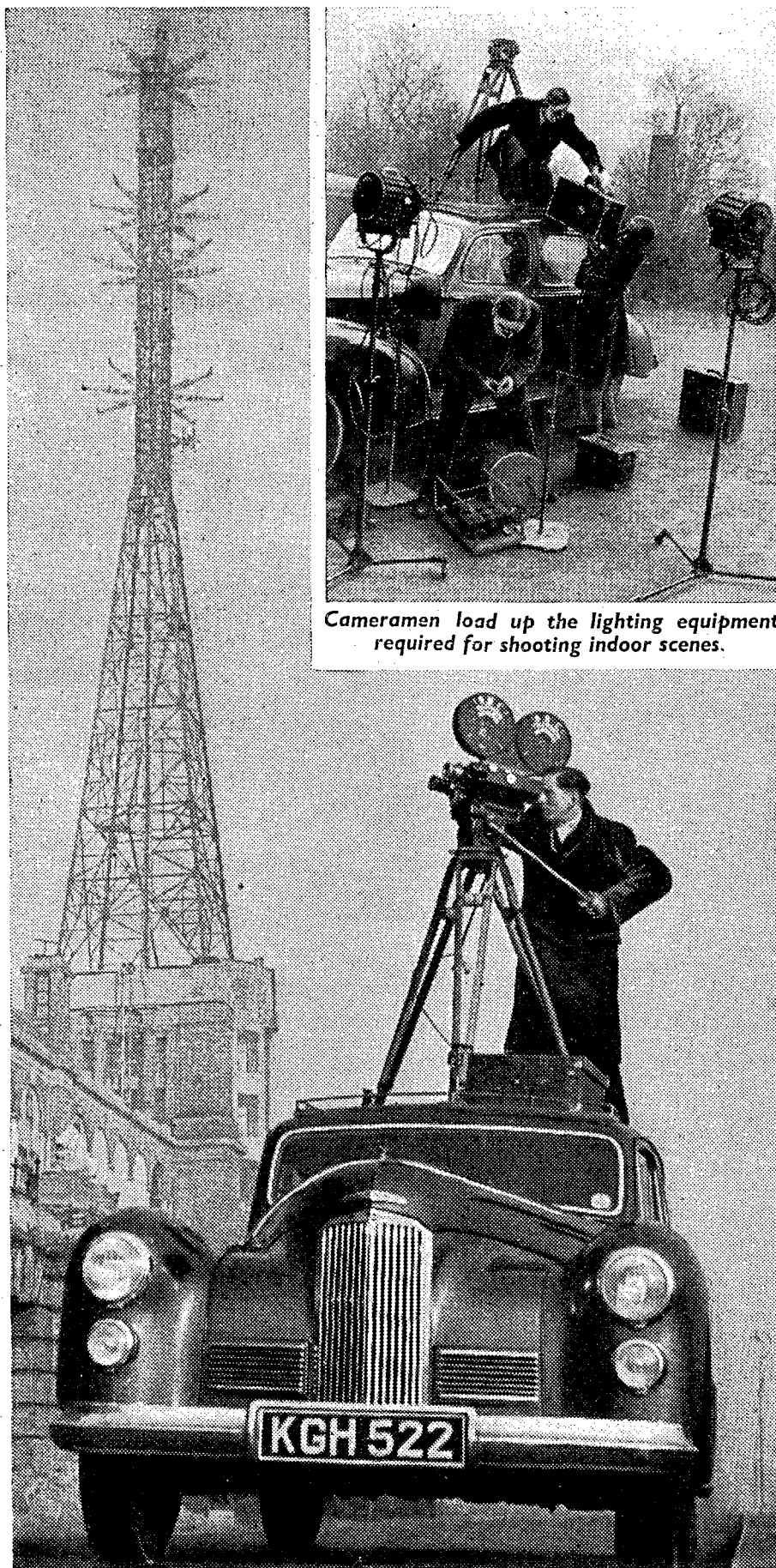


PERCUSSION AND STRINGS

The grotesque-looking drummers in the picture above are not men from another planet, but the sports section of a fancy dress carnival which recently took place in a town in Switzerland. In the lower picture boys of the Royal Military School, Dover, are having a violin lesson. This school is for soldiers' sons who intend to make the Army their career. After leaving, usually at the age of 15, many of the boys become officers in the Regular Army.



Making Films For the Television Screen



Testing a mobile Newsreel camera at Alexandra Palace



Cameramen load up the lighting equipment required for shooting indoor scenes.



A camera team on the Quadriga Arch, Hyde Park Corner



Cutting and editing films at Alexandra Palace

As the B B C's television service expands there is a corresponding growth in one of its most important components—the film section.

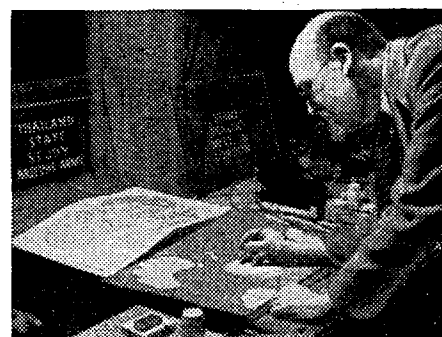
Not only does the B B C now produce two 15-minute Newsreels each week, but there is an increasing demand for the cine-technicians to provide film sequences for dramatic productions. It is by this means that outdoor scenes, previously filmed in the daylight, are interpolated

into studio productions in the evening.

The film men also photograph certain productions so that they may be repeated later on, or "can" them for export to T V stations overseas.

Documentary films are also an important feature of the work of this department.

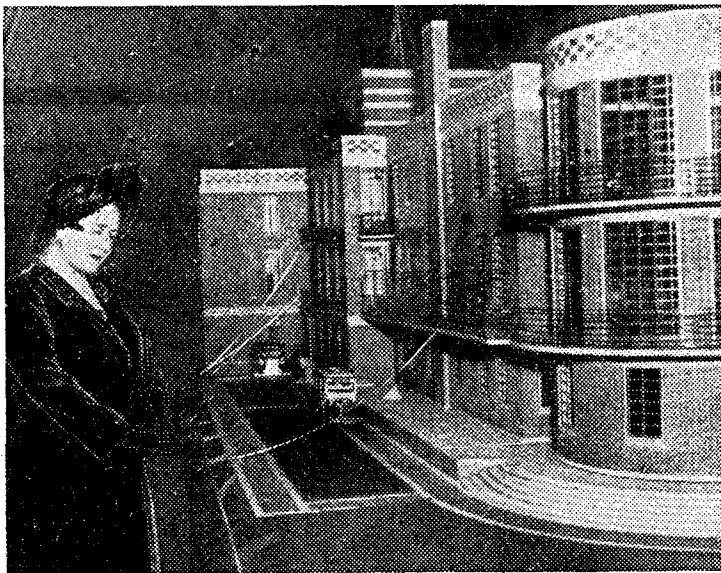
A unit now being formed will produce a weekly Children's Newsreel which will be shown for the first time on April 23.



The artist who writes titles on sheets of glass and draws maps or diagrams



Recording the sound-track as a film is being projected



The Queen and a Model

The Queen admires a large-scale model of a modern hospital at a W V S exhibition in London.

Youth Aboard the Old Ship

THIS Easter will see the resumption of youth training aboard an historic wooden man-o'-war afloat in Portsmouth Harbour. A number of lucky boys, and later girls, will be spending a week's holiday on the old Foudroyant, under special naval discipline. They will have a grand time on the old ship and in her boats learning the rudiments of seamanship.

Before the war the Holiday Training Establishment at Portsmouth consisted of two ships—the Foudroyant, and the Implacable, which had to be sunk in the Channel last December.

Now the smaller frigate must carry on the good work alone; but under the control of marine artist and wooden ship expert Lieut-Col Harold Wylie, who commanded both vessels before the war, and of his cheery Irish second-in-command, Lieut Michael O'Loughlin, the young people will be assured of a good spell afloat.

Designed For Speed

Launched in 1817 in the old East India Company's Dock at Bombay, the Foudroyant was originally named Trincomalee, and was designed as a slim, two-decker, 46-gun frigate of considerable speed. As such she was a valuable unit of the Royal Navy, and was once among the fastest frigates afloat under the White Ensign.

After many years of service in various parts of the world, the Admiralty decided to scrap the Trincomalee; but rather than let her go to the breaker's yard, Mr Wheatly Cobb, who loved these fine wooden ships, bought

her from the Admiralty, re-named her Foudroyant (after another famous old ship he had once owned), and preserved her for posterity. She was used for cadet training for some years before being towed to Portsmouth to join the Implacable.

Thanks to various gifts and grants of money, the Foudroyant has been restored and fully repaired, many young people lending a willing hand. Sound enough below the waterline, she is in good enough trim for at least another fifty years. Cabins have been built for her commanders, and electric light, running water, and cooking facilities help to make life aboard her pleasant, though not soft.

As in Nelson's Day

When this old vessel fought in the Crimean War her crew numbered several hundreds, but now rather fewer than 100 boys or girls can sling their hammocks on her light and airy gun deck. Those who live aboard her this summer will conform to sea discipline and routine adapted from the Captain's standing orders of one William Parker, when he, as a boy of 19, found himself in command of a similar frigate, Amazon, serving under Nelson in the Mediterranean.

Members of youth organisations such as the Sea Scouts, Rangers, and boys' clubs have priority, and a week costs only three guineas inclusive.

During Sea Ranger Training Week in May, Princess Margaret, as Sea Ranger Commodore, will visit the Foudroyant, and will see for herself the value of this "floating university."

PURR-LEZ VOUS KITTENESE?

MORE stories about that delightfully naughty black kitten, Nicholas Thomas, are to be told in the BBC Children's Hour, starting on March 23.

David Davis, who reads them, has been busy brushing up his kitten-language, to relate the adventures of Nicholas when he goes out with his friends in answer to the invitation: "Purr-leaze may Nicholas come out to purrleaze, purrleaze?"

The stories are written by Mrs Kitty Styles, who has three kittens in her cottage on the banks of the Avon. She says

that two of them are "ceiling-price blue Persian models and the third is just black utility." Nicholas combines some of the characteristics of all three.

She first invented the stories in 1947 for the benefit of her daughter, Wendy Jane, who was so fascinated by them that she asked for more. Eventually Mrs Styles sent them to the BBC.

An old friend of Children's Hour, Noel Streatfeild's story, Ballet Shoes, also starts on March 23. This is being repeated in response to many requests from young listeners.

SCIENCE AIDS FISHERMEN

THE hardy fishermen of old would rub their eyes if they could see the new trawlers now being built at Aberdeen, and elsewhere in Scotland; for these new British ships, up to 170 feet long, have scientific equipment to defeat the rigours of Arctic weather, and amenities undreamed of in their day.

Operating chiefly in the White Sea, Iceland, Greenland, and Bear Island waters, some of the vessels are floating factories, with fish-meal plant, and quick-freeze and processing machinery. Echo-sounders reveal fish feeding grounds under the keels. By radio telephone the big trawlers inform other vessels where fish are most likely to be caught. Radar is there to beat sea fogs, once the bane of the fisherman.

One trawler now in service even has an automatic steersman—Metal Mike. After the ship's steering has been set on a definite course, Mike takes over. If the vessel deviates Mike flashes an impulse to the stern, where a motor causes the rudder to swing over and right the course. Metal Mike saves long watches on the ice-encrusted bridge.

These up-to-date trawlers, streamlined for easier handling under Arctic conditions, were evolved as a result of experiments with models, and with the co-operation of naval architects and fishing skippers and crews.

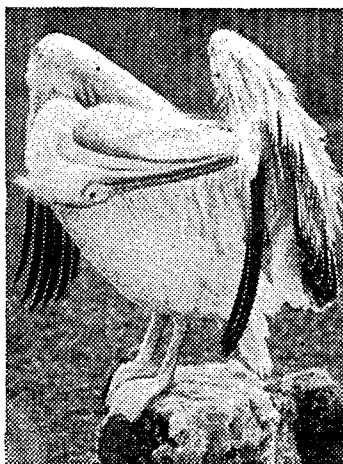
Canterbury Village

THE latest discoveries made during excavations on bombed sites at Canterbury have revealed evidence of a pre-Roman fortified camp on the banks of the Stour.

Digging amid the ruins in Castle Street, not many yards from where the old Watling Street once crossed the Stour by a ford, excavators went first through the rubble of the 1942 raids, next through the "footings of a Tudor house, then through the base of a Roman wall, and finally came to some lines of holes.

Experts who examined this find date the stockade "at about 300 B.C." and say that it proves that Britons were living at Canterbury before the coming of the Romans. The stakes which formed the stockade have gone, but the pattern of the wood still remains in the holes into which, so many years ago, Britons drove them.

Topsy-turvy Bird



This pelican at the London Zoo is not trying to get a new angle on the world, but is preening himself to receive visitors.

The Editor's Table

FOOD FIRST

THERE can be no contentment and peace," says Lord Boyd-Orr, "so long as the majority of people lack food and believe that under a new order they can get it." In other words, food must come first amongst the world's priorities.

Upon food, in abundant supply, depends the peace and happiness of millions. Surpluses in America accompany famine conditions in Asia; yet equitable distribution is a task which ought not to be beyond the wit of Man.

Hunger is a cause of revolution; the misery born of an empty stomach can be the origin of hatred. Poverty is the world's real problem; poverty is the prime cause of the dissatisfaction which leads to war and bloodshed.

Those who would build a better and different world must first aim at abolishing hunger and dire poverty. When that has been accomplished no scheme for the betterment of mankind will be impossible.

CHURCH AND INDUSTRY

THEOLOGICAL students, preparing for the Christian ministry, are to work as labourers in Sheffield steel plants as part of their training.

This is one of the new steps taken by Sheffield's Industrial Mission experiment to bring the Church and Industry into closer contact. A number of ministerial training colleges are joining in the scheme, which has the approval of managements and trade union leaders.

Sheffield is the only diocese in the country to have full time industrial missionaries.

Association with the workers in their everyday jobs should help the students to understand some of the problems of their future parishioners.

NATIONAL PARKS SOON

IT is good news that the first three National Parks are to be established this year. They are in the Peak District, in the Lake District, and in Snowdonia.

It is surprising to learn that half the population of England live within 50 miles of the Peak, and so can easily reach this wonderful open space. The Lake District, most famous English beauty area, and Snowdonia, with its rugged grandeur, are not so readily accessible to such great numbers, but their scenic glories and the freedom to roam in them amply reward those who make the longer pilgrimage. The Pennine Way may also be opened this year.

EACH HAS A GIFT

THE weakest among us has a gift, however seemingly trivial, which is peculiar to him, and which, worthily used, will be a gift also to his race for ever.

John Ruskin

Bear Idea

BRUMAS the baby polar bear, is undoubtedly first favourite at the London Zoo. She is the one all visitors first wish to see, and photographs and cinema have won for her a world-wide fame.

Brumas certainly is an engaging creature; but what is the real secret of her popularity? Part of it, undoubtedly, is that she is a beautiful baby—a bundle of white loveliness; part of it is her rather pathetic, helpless look, which strikes a parental, protective chord in everyone.

But the perfect timing of her first appearance may also account for much of her popularity. She made her bow at Election time, and all the politicians had to take a back seat. At a time when politics were temporarily dividing the nation, Brumas provided the "touch of Nature" that made us all kin.

Christian Unity

THE problem of co-operation between Catholics and Protestants has moved a small step nearer the solution ardently desired by all Christians.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, commenting recently on instructions on this subject issued by the Pope, said that the Pope "appears to regard with favour mixed gatherings where Roman Catholics and other Christians meet, not to discuss matters of faith and morals, but to take counsel together concerning joint action in the defence of the fundamental principles of Christianity and the natural law; and when they meet to deal with the rebuilding of the social order and similar questions.

"There is a large area of common ground," declared Dr Fisher, "on which full co-operation is possible."

SELF CONTROL

IN vain he seeketh others to suppress
Who hath not learned himself
first to subdue.

Edmund Spenser

Under the E



PETER FICK WANTS TO KNOW

If a typist is a key worker

A HOUSEWIFE has found a way to keep her saucepans clean. Always uses a frying-pan.

NOW is the time to re-pot your indoor plants. Some of them have gone to pot.

A TOWN CRIER has a cold and has lost his voice. Something to cry about.

THE policeman at the House of Commons easily recognises M.P.s. They are distinguished people.

THINGS SAID

INDUSTRIAL power from uranium is on the doorstep and will almost certainly be used successfully.

Professor M. L. Oliphant

I HAVEN'T any reception rooms in my house, and I'm sure the parties in this case haven't either. Call them living-rooms, which is what they are.

Judge Wethered

IF ever there was a moment for real statesmanship it is now. Audacity is wanted, and the courage which cares not for immediate popularity but for stern measures to meet the problems of the day.

Lady Tweedsmuir, MP

THE British people, who stood alone against the Nazis and refused to tire, will equally refuse to tire now in face of new problems.

Lord Crook

Gifts For the Mind

AMERICAN students who had attended special courses at University College, Southampton, have given scientific and educational books to the College.

They are among the first gifts of books to Britain made by that generous organisation, C A R E—the Co-operative for American Remittances to Europe. The total gift comprised 500 dollars' worth of modern textbooks, and was presented recently to the Principal of the College by Mr Einer Olsen, Chief of C A R E's mission to Britain.

He said that hitherto C A R E had been mainly concerned with gifts of food and clothing, but was now dealing with food for the mind. He promised more shipments of books, and pointed out that America, fortunate in not having had its research work disturbed to such an extent as that in Europe during the war, wished to share its advantages.

JUST AN IDEA

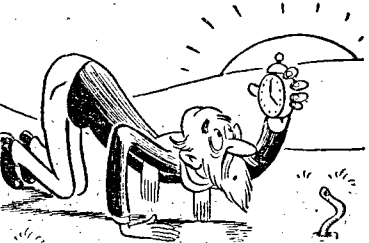
As H. A. Vachell has written:
No life is a failure which brightens however faintly the lives of others.

Editor's Table

LIVING in the country doesn't turn you into a country mouse. Makes some people ratty.

A MOUNTAIN climber says he enjoys painting mountains. Many climbers prefer to colour accounts of their climbs.

A MAN says his neighbours keep strange hours. Wonder where they put them.



REALISTS are planning an all-night mble to find the earliest birds. They just keep watch for the worms.

House of Hope

ON the top of a hill called Annenberg, surrounded by coal mines, furnaces, and smoke stacks, is a small house which is a centre of hope for miners in the Ruhr section of Germany. For that house is to become a centre for training young Christians to interpret their faith while at work in the mines, and in their newly-built homes.

The centre was dedicated recently, with church leaders from Britain, America, Holland, and Germany participating. To it will come eighty young men for training courses, preparing themselves to bear witness of their faith to fellow miners, to serve as "Heimleiter" (junior wardens) in new housing centres being built by the mining companies and the Government, and to hold various types of evangelical meetings with the miners.

Many of the miners are not more than fourteen and a great number are under twenty-five; some are homeless orphans. Disillusioned by political ideologies, they are earnestly seeking something in which they can have confidence and security. The young Heimleiter will help them in their Christian development in most difficult circumstances.

More Leaders

IT is very encouraging to learn that during the past year there has been an increase of over 1000 in the number of guiders and commissioners in the Guide movement.

As the General Secretary has recently declared, this shows that, in spite of the increasing demands of running a home and a family or a job, an ever growing number of people are responding to the call for leaders in youth work, and are prepared to make considerable sacrifices to do so.

Spring is Here

THE primrose and the daffodil
Surprise the valleys, and
wild thyme
Is sweet on every little hill,
Where lambs come down at
folding time.

In every wild place now is heard
The magpie's noisy house, and
through
The mingled tones of many a
bird
The ruffled wood-dove's gentle
coo.

And when the blue and grey
entwine
The daisy shuts her golden eye,
And peace wraps all those hills
of mine
Safe in my dearest memory.

Francis Ledwidge

FRIENDSHIP'S BLESSINGS

I HAVE felt this blessing of being able to respond to new friendships very strongly lately, for I have lost many old and valued connections during this trying spring. I thank God far more earnestly for such blessings than for my daily bread, for friendship is the bread of the heart.

Mary Russell Milford



Buried Treasure

A Roman amphora, or wine vessel, discovered by archaeologists who have been treasure-seeking on a bombed site in Walbrook, in the City of London.

10 COUNTRIES AT CROSS-COUNTRY

ONE of the most important events in the athletics calendar is the International Cross-Country Championship, which this year takes place next Saturday at Boltsfort, near Brussels.

Prior to last season this event was known as the Six-Nations race, the competitors being England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, France, and Belgium; but Spain sent a team to Dublin for last year's race, and next Saturday the Netherlands, Switzerland, and Luxemburg will also compete. With the best cross-country athletes from ten countries competing, this year's race may prove to be the greatest ever.

Last year, in Dublin, the first three men home were Mimoun, Pujazon, and Cerou, all wearing the colours of France; and Mimoun may repeat his wonderful performance in Brussels next week-end, for he is in fine form, and recently won the French Championship.

Britain's hopes may rest upon Dr Frank Aaron, of Leeds, who won our National Cross-Country Championship in fine style; but if young Geoffrey Saunders, the Bolton United Harrier, is able to run, he may provide the surprise of the race, for he has been developing fast over gruelling cross-country courses.

LIBERATOR MIRANDA

ON March 28 the 200th anniversary of the birth of Francisco de Miranda, a Venezuelan who spent his life working for his country's independence, is being celebrated throughout South America, and also in London, where he lived for twelve years.

Miranda was one of the most important of the early patriots of South America who struggled for the independence of the colonies established there by Spain and Portugal. He was born in Caracas, the son of a well-to-do linen merchant, and started life as an officer in the Spanish army. But he was enthusiastic for liberal principles and he resolved to free his native land from rule by the King of Spain. Leaving the army he travelled about Europe, trying to interest different governments in his project and to gain their support.

He could speak French, Italian, English, and German, and as he was also a cultured and charming gentleman he aroused sympathy wherever he went.

In the new United States in 1783 he was tremendously inspired to see George Washington enter Philadelphia in triumph.

Naturally, the French Revolution excited Miranda and he fought for the new Republic as a general in her armies. Then, during many visits to London he was on very friendly terms with several statesmen and he there introduced young Bolivar, who later became the great hero of South American independence.

Miranda's efforts for his own country, however, met with less

and less support, and in 1808 British statesmen, wanting good relations with Spain, repudiated him.

Meanwhile, in South America, Royalist Spain was losing her old authority, and in 1810 revolution broke out in Venezuela and elsewhere. Then Miranda, now a white-haired man of 60, returned again to his native land, where he was heartily welcomed.

In July 1811 independence was proclaimed in Venezuela, but a terrible earthquake which happened in the following March was taken by many of the superstitious peasants to be a sign that heaven disapproved of the new Republic, and support for the patriots fell away.

Shortly after the earthquake Miranda was made leader of the Republic, but many of his soldiers deserted to the Royalists and he was obliged to surrender. Some of his companions, including Bolivar, blamed him for the failure and betrayed him to the Royalist forces while they themselves escaped abroad. He died in a Spanish prison in 1816.

Miranda was comforted in his last days by the faithfulness of an old British friend, a merchant named John Turnbull, who managed to smuggle food and money to him in prison.

ELECTRIC POWER FROM THE WIND

A STEEL windmill, 80 feet high, is to be erected by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board on Costa Hill, Orkney, for the generation of electricity. Each of the three sails of the windmill will be 30 feet long, set in a nacelle containing a gear-box and generator. The nacelle will automatically turn to face the prevailing wind.

The new windmill, which is experimental, has a rated output of 100 kilowatts which will be fed into the Hydro-Electric Board's network on the mainland of Orkney.

Such wind-power generators have proved successful in Europe and America, and it has been calculated that if some hundreds of them were dotted around Britain in strategic positions between two and four millions tons of coal could be saved yearly.

Scottish National Dictionary

How long does it take to make a dictionary?

The time must vary, of course, according to the type of dictionary being produced, but Mr David Murison, Editor of the Scottish National Dictionary, which has now been in preparation for twenty years, has just been saying that it will take another twenty years to complete.

One-fourth of the work has already been published, says Mr Murison, and new material is coming in all the time. All who know and love the old Scots tongue can help by sending in information, especially on out-of-the-way or technical words.

When completed the dictionary will occupy ten volumes, deal with over 50,000 words, and will present the language of the Scots with all its many changes during the past 250 years.



OUR HOMELAND

A riverside scene at Gravesend, Kent

America's Eagle in Danger

AMERICANS have become very concerned at the killing in large numbers in Alaska of their national bird, the bald eagle, or white-headed sea-eagle, whose handsome white head appears on the Great Seal of the United States, and elsewhere, as a U.S. symbol.

The bird is already protected by law in the United States, but not in the Territory of Alaska. Last year 2152 eagles were killed in Alaska because, it was believed, the birds ate too many salmon. A bounty of two dollars had been offered for each eagle killed.

Naturalists, however, think that the damage done by eagles to the salmon fisheries has been much exaggerated, and are supporting Bills now before Congress to forbid the killing of the eagle in Alaska.

The bald eagle is not bald, but has a pure white head and neck, the rest of its plumage being dark to light brown. It is found from Alaska and the Aleutian Islands down to the hot plains of Mexico.

LEADING THE BLIND

MR JOHN WILSON, who was blinded by accident at thirteen, is to be the new leader of the British Empire Society for the Blind. Recently he travelled 30,000 miles in British African territories, investigating the problems of the million blind people who live there, and as a result of his findings the National Institute for the Blind and the Colonial Office are to grant £20,000 towards a development scheme.

Some of Mr Wilson's ideas include travelling eye clinics, and schools and training centres for the blind. He also wants to invent ways by which Africans can protect their eyes. It is believed that eighty per cent of the blindness in the Empire could be prevented by modern techniques—a fact that certainly calls for a crusade to conquer this affliction.

Steps to Sporting Fame "Split" Waterman



Harringay supporters will soon be cheering their new rider from Wembley, popular Squire Francis ("Split") Waterman.



During the war the R.E.M.E. built a speedway track outside Naples and "Split," a keen motor-cyclist, was the star rider. His C.O. recommended him to Wembley and trials were arranged.



At first, Waterman was off as much as on, but by 1947 he was a regular member of the Wembley team, and at the end of the season he had two track records to his credit.



In 1948 he won the London Riders' Championship and established himself as an England rider. Bubbling over with good humour, he has a laugh that "splits the skies."—hence his name.

WHY TRELAWNY LIVES IN ENGLISH HISTORY

CORNWALL has had its Trelawnys since before the Norman Conquest, but none of the family was more illustrious than Sir Jonathan, third baronet of the line, who was born on March 24, just 300 years ago. He lives in history as one of the Seven Bishops who hazarded their lives by resisting James the Second's autocratic scheme for the re-introduction of Roman Catholic worship in Protestant Britain.

Jonathan was born at Pelynt, near Looe, the son of a man who had suffered imprisonment and the loss of his estates for his loyalty to Charles the First. He was educated at Westminster School and Christ Church, Oxford. He then entered the Church, and decided not to leave

it when he succeeded to the baronetcy in 1680.

Like his father, Trelawny was an ardent supporter of the Stuart Kings, and when the Duke of Monmouth's Invasion was imminent, in June 1685, he organised the Cornish militia to oppose the landing of that aspirant to the throne. Later in that year he was consecrated Bishop of Bristol, and accepted the fact that King James was a Roman Catholic in private life.

But when, in 1688, King James, without consulting Parliament, issued on his own authority a Declaration of Indulgence suspending all laws against Roman Catholics, and ordered it to be read from every pulpit in the land, Trelawny became his bitter foe. With Archbishop Sancroft and five other bishops he petitioned the king to revoke his order. James was furious. He imprisoned the seven bishops in the Tower, and had them tried for seditious libel. But, to the great joy of the country, the charge was dismissed and the seven bishops were set free.

Cornwall, devoted to Trelawny, and fearing for his life as he lay in the Tower, is said to have sung at this time an old song revived, with a refrain something

like: "And shall Trelawny die? Here's twenty thousand Cornishmen will know the reason why." The version of the song that all the world knows, however, was written in the 19th century by R. S. Hawker, parson of the Cornish village of Morwenstow.

Trelawny was among the first to welcome the future William the Third who came as Protestant champion of the realm.

During William's reign Trelawny raised a military force ready to meet invaders who were expected to land from a French fleet in the Channel.

Trelawny died Bishop of Winchester in 1721, aged 71, and more than the fabled twenty thousand Cornishmen mourned his passing.

Knight of the Bells

HOLLAND's royal bellringer, 82-year-old Mr Jan Vincent, was recently made a Knight of the Order of the House of Orange by Queen Juliana.

Mr Vincent has played the carillon at the Royal Palace at Amsterdam every Sunday since March 1, 1900. During the Occupation he played a Dutch nursery song which tells of the early bird caught by the cat.

Dr Johnson Taught Grammar Here

A SEARCH in a deedbox at the Grammar School, Market Bosworth, Leicestershire, has revealed documents going back to the 13th century. They include an order from the first constitution which requires the headmaster to "bee well learned in the latine, greeke, and hebrew tongues."

Other papers deal with rules drawn up by Sir Wolstan Dixie, nephew of a Lord Mayor of London, who in the reign of Elizabeth left a bequest for the development of the school.

The most famous name in the annals of this school is that of Samuel Johnson, who served here for a brief period as an usher who taught the boys grammar. Long afterwards, in one of his few references to an unhappy time, he said that his life here had been as unvaried as a cuckoo's note, and that he did not know whether it had been more disagreeable for him to teach the boys or for them to learn.

SCHOOLS FOR ESKIMOS

THE Federal Government of Canada are to build a number of day schools for Indian and Eskimo children in the Far North.

Previously these children, from the age of about nine, have spent two or three years at residential schools run by the Indian Affairs Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources; now they will attend day schools to be built at such places as Fort Norman, Coppermine, and Hay River, on the Great Slave Lake. They will be taught English and begin a technical training.

The more advanced students will continue at larger schools at Edmonton and Yellowknife, where their training will be designed to equip them for employment in the new mining enterprises, in the developed fishing industry, or in the growing number of weather stations.

TREASURE ISLAND—R. L. Stevenson's Famous Adventure Story Told in Pictures



When the dagger struck him, both of Jim's pistols went off and Hands fell into the creek—dead. Jim shuddered and the movement freed his shoulder. He went below and bathed his wound, then waded ashore, intent on reaching the wooden blockhouse where he had left his friends. John Silver and his ruffians had been ashore when Jim cut the ship loose.



It was dark when Jim reached the blockhouse. Thankfully, he heard the snores of those inside, but he was surprised that no one kept watch. He was about to enter when a shrill voice broke out: "Pieces of eight! Pieces of eight!"



Jim turned cold, for the voice belonged to Long John's parrot! The sleepers sprang up and before Jim could escape they grabbed him and hauled him inside. To his amazement he found that the pirates possessed the blockhouse!



Long John greeted Jim sarcastically and told him that yesterday the Doctor had come down to them on the shore, under a flag of truce, and said that as the ship was gone the pirates were done for. The Doctor had proposed peace between the two parties, and had handed over the blockhouse to the pirates. Where the Doctor and his friends had gone, Long John did not know. Jim was astounded.



Jim was sure his end was near. Rashly he told them he was the one who had thwarted them all along, but he said that if they spared his life he would be a witness for them when they were tried for piracy. This impressed John, but the other pirates wanted to kill Jim. Long John sternly forbade them. Then they turned against him and went outside to hold a council to depose him as their captain.

Can Long John quell the other pirates and save Jim? See next week's instalment

The Children's Newspaper, March 25, 1950

A tale of Canadian life—In three parts

MORGAN OF
THE MOUNTIES

Told by Frank S. Pepper

3. A SHOT IN THE DARK



Corporal Tim Morgan of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is in charge of the thinly-populated area round the Hemlock Valley post. Tim's young friend, Little Joe Jones, has a fine collie dog called Rex. Sam Hollins, a neighbour of Mrs Jones, has accused the dog of killing chickens, and it certainly looks black for Rex when he is found to have blood on his coat. Then one night Joe's mother rings up Tim and asks him to come round quickly.

THE headlights of the car driven by Corporal Tim Morgan of the Canadian Mounties cut through the darkness as he bumped down the rough dirt road to the cabin by the creek. As he skidded to a stop the Widow Jones came running out of the cabin.

"Little Joe and the dog have gone!" she cried. "They've run away. I had to send for you—"

"What makes you think your boy has run away, ma'm?" asked Corporal Tim.

"Because of that hateful Sam Hollins. He said the dog was killing his chickens. He threatened to shoot it. If anything happened to that dog Little Joe would go crazy. He's taken it away because he's afraid."

Corporal Tim frowned anxiously. The wilderness surrounding the cabin by the creek was no place for a small boy and a dog to be straying in at night. The place was full of dangers.

"We'll see, ma'm—we'll see," Corporal Tim said soothingly.

HE prowled the yard with a flashlight, and then came back to the woman waiting anxiously by the door.

"Ma'm, Little Joe and I have been pals for a long time. I know his character—he isn't the boy to run away. I think something else happened. I think he was worried about his dog Rex because of these accusations of chicken-killing. I think he got out of bed and went out to see if the dog was all right, and found him gone. He's away after him to keep him out of trouble and bring him back."

"But where will he have gone?" "Over to the Hollins' place, I guess—out across the swamp and down by the timber."

Widow Jones uttered a cry of alarm.

"But Hollins is out there with a gun! He's threatened to shoot anyone or anything he sees on his place tonight."

Corporal Tim went back to his car to fetch a rifle.

"Don't you worry, ma'm! I'll tend to this."

"I'm coming with you!" declared Little Joe's mother.

"But, ma'm, the swamp at night is no place for a lady. There's snakes and—"

"I'm coming!" was the firm reply.

Corporal Tim would have preferred to go alone. He was

expecting serious trouble. But there was no time to argue. Speed was urgent.

THE Hollins farm lay on the far side of two miles of ugly swamp. By the time they had crossed and reached the edge of the tall timber both Corporal Tim and his companion were muddy and soaking wet.

Tim paused for a moment and stood listening. Suddenly he felt the woman's hand on his arm. Somewhere in the darkness there was an agitated outburst of noise—the cackling and squawking of frightened poultry.

"There's something moving up there all right. Let's hope it isn't Rex," whispered Corporal Tim. "Come on!"

But at that moment a menacing figure loomed up in front of them. A growling voice challenged them.

"Stand still, whoever you are! I've got you covered!"

Corporal Tim flashed his torch, and the beam fell full on Sam Hollins, who was standing squarely in front of them, threatening them with a shotgun.

The Mountie turned the light on himself.

"Corporal Morgan!" gasped Hollins. "What are you doing here?"

"Ssssh!" hissed Tim. "Listen! I can hear someone moving about!"

They strained their eyes.

THEN they heard a boyish voice calling, anxious and frightened.

"Rex! Rex, where are you?"

"Little Joe!" exclaimed Widow Jones.

Sam uttered a low growl of rage.

"The boy and the dog! Both of 'em up here! I guess that just about proves everything."

"Wait!" whispered Corporal Tim.

Then they all heard a new sound—a sound to chill the blood—a long-drawn, rising howl!

THE GREAT CN
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THESE are the last weeks of the CN £750 National Handwriting Test, the closing date of which is Friday, March 31. Schoolgirls and boys who are taking part should therefore take care—if they have not already done so—to hand in their completed entry forms at school without further delay.

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"Did you hear that?" gasped the corporal. "A wolf!"

Then he heard someone running and let out a shout.

"Joe! This way! Be quick!"

A small, running figure appeared at the edge of the timber. It was Little Joe. Then they all saw the lean, bounding shape close behind him.

"There's Rex!" exclaimed Widow Jones.

But it wasn't the dog—it was a wolf!

AT that moment Little Joe tripped and fell. The wolf closed in like a grey streak. Sam Hollins raised his gun in horror, but with a swift gesture Corporal Tim knocked it aside.

"Don't shoot, you fool!" he exclaimed. "You'll hit the boy—he's right in your line of fire!"

They heard Little Joe shout. Next moment there was a mighty crash in the undergrowth. A second sinewy shape launched out in a tornado of fury. It was Rex!

Dog and wolf collided in head-long leaps across the fallen figure of Little Joe.

The air was filled with snarls and squeals and savage howls as the two animals fought in red-blooded, snapping fury. Rex tackling the huge, ferocious wolf with huge-hearted courage to protect Little Joe.

The two fighting animals were so entangled that it was almost impossible to tell which was which as they rolled over and over.

LITTLE JOE pulled himself up on his knees and began to crawl away from the battle. Then he got to his feet and ran full-pelt towards the Mountie.

"Tim! Do something!" he cried. "Rex will be killed!"

Time and again the Mountie raised his rifle and tried to get in a shot, but each time he was forced to pause when his finger was about to squeeze the trigger.

In the dim light the target was too uncertain. Wolf and dog were so closely interlocked that it was impossible to shoot at one without almost certain risk of hitting the other.

Then there came a lull. For a second or two the animals broke loose from each other, as if exhaustedly seeking a breather before renewing the deadly battle to the bitter end.

They were circling each other warily, snarling, growling, both preparing to jump.

It was a risky chance for Corporal Tim, but the only one he was likely to get. He fired!

Crack!

The wolf reared back and rolled over.

"Got him, by glory!" cried Sam.

"Man, what a shot!"

TIM tipped his hat back from his face and wiped away sweat with the cuff of his tunic in a gesture of deep relief.

Rex stood stock still watching the motionless figure of the wolf, waiting, ready to jump in again with snapping teeth if it moved.

Corporal Tim strode forward, with Little Joe hurrying at his side.

"What were you doing up here tonight, Joe?" asked the Mountie.

"A noise woke me up," answered Little Joe. "I guessed it was Rex. I went out to see what was wrong with him, and he was gone. That made me scared. I was afraid all the

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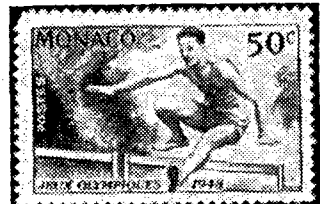
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It was in 1896 that Swiss engineers began the formidable task of building a road to Jungfrauoch, which had been marked out as a splendid site for astronomical study and as a summer tourist centre. In 1912 they completed the road, only six miles long, but climbing more than 4500 feet from its starting-point at Kleine Scheidegg.

Jungfrauoch claims to have the highest hotel in Europe. Its station is on the rack-and-pinion line which climbs to the Jungfrau. The hotel actually juts out from a rocky ledge to overlook miles of Alpine landscape and apparently limitless snowfields; On one side towers the snow-

capped Monch peak, and on the other the Jungfrau, both being over 13,000 feet high.

The other buildings of this remote outpost are an observatory used for studying the stars, an Alpine research institute, and a second observatory which the Swiss scientists are now using for atomic research. Linking these buildings is a network of underground passageways.

As a tourist centre Jungfrauoch attracts many visitors; some go simply to enjoy the Alpine scenery, others use the outpost as a centre from which to climb nearby peaks or to ski on the glistening snowfields. Below the Berghaus Hotel lies the Great Aletsch Glacier, the largest in Europe, with a big "ice palace" hewn out to accommodate winter sports enthusiasts.

On Jungfrauoch the Swiss scientists are able to carry out their research work on atomic energy in perfect seclusion; only a handful of people live there during the long winter months.

MORGAN OF THE MOUNTIES

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things Sam Hollins had said about him were true. I came up here to try to stop him."

Corporal Tim nodded and stood looking down at the dead wolf. Then he turned to Sam Hollins.

"There's your killer," he said. "And it explains why you saw Rex about the place at night. The dog was after the wolf."

SAM scratched his head. He seemed perplexed and tongue-tied as he looked from one to the other.

"Ma'm, Joe," he mumbled at last, "guess I don't rightly know what I ought to say. I was wrong."

I been a fool—a stubborn fool! I've caused you a heap of trouble. I'm mighty sorry."

"You don't have to apologise to us," chuckled Little Joe. "Only to Rex!"

"He's proved himself a mighty fine dog," agreed Sam. "But he never would have had the chance if it hadn't been for Corporal Tim."

"Too true!" grinned Little Joe proudly, getting close up against the corporal. "Thank goodness we've got the Mounties to look after us."

Another story of Morgan of the Mounties will appear in next week's C.N. Order your copy now!

BEDTIME CORNER

Tiger, Tiger

"HURRY up, Harry," called Mummie. "You'll be late for school."

Harry gulped down his milk.

"Have you seen my cap, Mummie?" he asked.

"I think I saw it in the lounge," said Mummie. Harry dashed into the lounge and suddenly "froze" to the spot. Then he turned and raced into the kitchen.

"Mummie, Mummie, there's a wild animal in the lounge," he cried.

Mummie looked puzzled for a moment, then laughed.

"That's not a wild animal,"

she explained. "It's just a tiger skin with a stuffed head. Your Uncle Tom sent it from India."

Harry looked sheepish as he realised his mistake, and now he has great fun with the tiger as he goes on his "hunting expeditions."

A PRAYER

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NIGHTFALL

Bluebell is drooping its bonnet of blue, Eventide comes with the shadows and dew, Daisies have folded their frilly white hats, Time to go hunting, whisper the bats. Ivy flower holds out its nectar-filled cup, Moths flutter round it and beg for a sup. Everything's quiet—the moon takes a peep Just to find out if the world is asleep.

Children are tucked up all cosy in bed, Owls spread their wide wings and hoot overhead, Rabbits are safe in their holes underground, Night-scented stock wafts its perfume around, Evening star sparkles, and twinkles "good night," Rest till the golden sun brings the daylight.



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When we stand on the seashore the sea looks as though it slopes upwards towards the horizon, but this of course is not so; the sea may even be sloping downwards, away from us, if there are mountains near the coast.

The Moon attracts the sea and causes the tides, but mountains can also pull the sea, causing it to slope away downwards near the coast. The amount of this slope is very slight but it is enough to interfere with the navigation of ships. For an officer fixing his ship's position by means of instruments measures the angle of a star or the Sun with the horizon, but if he is unaware that the horizon itself is sloping, however slightly, he will fall into an error. Thus, off the south coast of Cyprus, the slope has caused calculations to be "out" by as much as half a mile.

Submarine Research

The Talent expedition is being carried out under the auspices of the Royal Society, and two scientists will accompany the naval crew.

As well as calculating the slope of the sea's surface, the scientists, who represent the Department of Geodesy and Geophysics at Cambridge University, are to investigate the geological structure of the bed of the Mediterranean. This they will do by means of a deep-water echo sounder and other instruments which can reveal the shape of rock formations under the mud of the sea-bed.

These instruments are so delicate, however, that the slightest rocking of the vessel would prevent their use; the Talent will therefore work well below the surface, where the motion of the waves above, even if the sea is rough, will not be felt at all.

Never Forgotten

A REVISED edition of the New Testament in Eskimo is being printed, and it will be eagerly welcomed by the wandering hunters of a bleak land.

For in Labrador the Bible is read every day in practically every Eskimo home. "Home" for the Eskimo is not in one place all the year round. The Eskimos are a semi-nomadic people, and in the appropriate season the Eskimo family moves to its hunting, fishing, or sealing camp with its possessions loaded on a sledge or in a boat. Some household utensil or even some article of clothing may be forgotten, but never the Bible.

When the Eskimo hunter goes inland to hunt the fox or caribou he has to load his sledge as lightly as possible, but even then his New Testament is an essential part of his equipment.

In his snow house, or in the stillness of the night in a hunter's camp, he takes up his New Testament which is indeed "a lamp unto his feet."

The new edition is being printed by the British and Foreign Bible Society, and corrections have been made by the Revd W. W. Perrett of Malmesbury, Wiltshire, who was for 45 years a missionary among the Labrador Eskimos.

The Chancellor's Broken Monument

IN the little church of Thornton, near Buckingham, is an altar tomb which stands complete for the first time since it was broken up more than 150 years ago.

In the 18th century the chancel of Thornton Church fell into decay and was pulled down. Most of the fine monuments were also destroyed, but a few pieces were preserved, and among them was the great slab bearing the brass figures of Robert Ingylton, Chancellor of the Exchequer to Edward the Fourth, with his three wives and 16 children. This was placed in the floor of the sanctuary.

According to a persistent tradition parts of the destroyed chancel were built into a disused summerhouse in the grounds of Thornton College; and when, not long ago, investigations were made, six separate pieces of a fine 15th-century altar tomb were found built into the walls of a half-ruined grotto in a neglected corner of the grounds. These proved to be the missing parts of the Ingylton tomb.

The reconstruction of the tomb was a simple matter, for it had been specially made in six parts by the 15th-century masons, each part being numbered ready for assembly, much as the parts of a prefabricated house are numbered.

AS A STRANGER SEES IT

ABOUT 2500 schools in the English-speaking world are receiving a fortnightly newsletter describing travel in some other country. This series, illustrated by coloured drawings, is called Mr Foreign Correspondent, and has already covered Scandinavia and the West Indies.

The letters are written and illustrated by artist-writers travelling in the countries they describe, and are then checked by experts to ensure accuracy.

We thus obtain an up-to-the-minute description of life in that land written in a pleasant, readable style, and moreover we acquire an attitude of friendliness towards its people.

The letters are issued, by Melkjohn & Son, Ltd, 15 Bedford Street, London, W.C.2. The present series, dealing with the British Isles, is by Peter White, a young artist from South Africa who, on his motor-cycle named Ferdinand, is exploring what is to him a new land.

Battleship in Plastic

THE battleship King George V is now being "embalmed" in plastic by a naval party at Portsmouth.

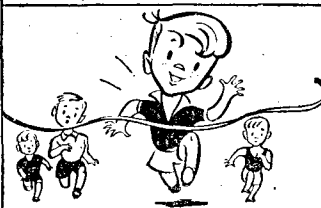
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The Record Breaker

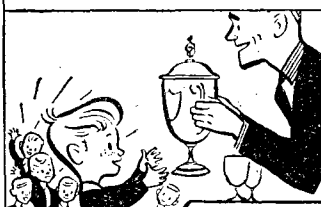
It's Sports Day at School. Jimmie and Billy, the boy next door, are all set to beat the record!



They're both in the 100 yds. sprint. "On your toes!" Gosh, just watch them go! Jimmie wins by yards.



Now for the High Jump. Jimmie reaches 4ft. 6ins. clearing 3 inches higher than Billy and wins another event.



Prizegiving. Jimmie's won 6 cups. "How do you do it?" asks Billy. "I never win." "Come home with me," grins Jimmie, "and I'll show you."



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THE prospective new maid was being interviewed.

"You tell me that you have had six places in as many months?" said the lady.

"Yes, ma'm," was the reply. "It just shows just how much in demand my services are."

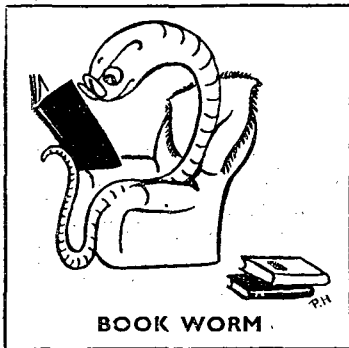
Countryside Flowers

THE pretty, lilac-coloured, Lesser Periwinkle, is one of our earliest spring flowers.

At first glance it seems to possess five squarish petals. Actually it is funnel-shaped, the mouth being cut into five deep clefts. The dark green, shiny leaves are egg-shaped, and grow in great profusion.



Usually the plant is found in a shady site, such as a wood or hedgerow. Unlike its larger relative, the Periwinkle, which is often found in gardens and rockeries, the Lesser Periwinkle is a true native of Britain.



BOOK WORM

Conscience

ALTHOUGH Bill was not feeling very well he insisted on going to the office.

"So you are one of those people who think that the boss cannot manage without them?" asked his friend.

"Oh no," replied Bill. "I know he can manage without me; I don't want him to find out that he can."

Jacko's Ancient Relics



JACKO'S latest misdeed had earned a lecture from Father Jacko. "You are always getting into mischief," he had said. "What you need is a hobby." Jacko thought about this, and decided that he and Chimp would start a museum. For days the search went on until eventually they "had great pleasure in declaring the museum open." And what a museum! Well, the specimens were certainly old if not rare! But somehow Jacko's new hobby did not seem to meet with Father Jacko's approval. As Jacko said afterwards, "There's no pleasing some people!"

Farmer Gray Explains

Intruding Wrynecks. "A pair of great-tits are nesting there," said Don, indicating a small hole in the trunk of a tree.

Suddenly a bird appeared at the hole. It seemed to possess a remarkably long neck, and it twisted and turned its head in an odd, snake-like manner before emerging and flying off.

"I've never seen a great-tit with barred, brown and grey plumage before," chuckled Ann, enjoying Don's discomfiture.

"It was a wryneck," explained Farmer Gray. "Wrynecks are related to the woodpeckers. They often steal a nesting site from a pair of titmice."

In a Paddy

WHEN an Irishman, Paddy O'Flynn, sat down on a very sharp pin. He shouted "Dear me; I've been stung by a bee!" And he made the most terrible din.

Unfair Competition

HE was new to farm work, and not a success at ploughing.

"Well, what can you expect?" he asked when the farmer complained. "How can I hold the plough when those two horses are all the time trying to pull it away from me?"

Other Worlds

IN the evening Mars and Saturn are in the south-east. In the morning Venus and Jupiter are in the south-east. The picture shows the Moon at 7 o'clock in the evening, on Friday, March 24.



An Alarming Question

FATHER was putting an old alarm clock right by the Time Signal at eleven in the evening.

"This thing has gained an hour since 11 o'clock last night," he said. "How shall I set the alarm to wake me at seven in the morning?"

Mother, of course, knew the answer. Do you? *Answer next week*

Problem

TEACHER: Suppose your father gave you threepence, your uncle gave you fourpence, and your aunt gave you fivepence, what would you have?

Jack: I'm not quite sure.

Teacher: But surely you know how much that would be?

Jack: Oh yes; but I'm wondering whether I'd buy sweets or go to the pictures.

Figure Puzzle

ARRANGE the figures 1 to 9 in the form of a cross so that the upright line of figures will add up to the same as the horizontal line.

X
X
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Answer next week

Just That

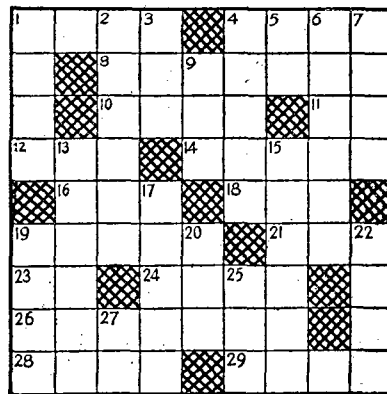
Now that is a word that may often be joined
For that that may be doubled is clear to the mind;
And that that that is right is as plain to the view
As that that that that we use is rightly used too;
And that that that that that line has in it is right,
And accords with good grammar is plain in our sight.

Cross Word Puzzle

Reading Across. 1 An inclined plane. 4 To assume an attitude. 8 White of egg. 10 An Indian peasant. 11 Doctor of Divinity. 12 Coat of animal. 14 Volume of maps. 16 Summit. 18 Still. 19 A headless wooden pin. 21 Animal doctor. 23 Elevated. 24 Fruit of a palm. 26 Fortress guarding a city. 28 Chinese weight. 29 Demands.

Reading Down. 1 A covering. 2 A vegetable; also an animal substance. 3 To assail vigorously. 4 Fixes the window-pane. 5 Order of Merit. 6 Not impulsive or lively. 7 Terminates. 9 A non-poisonous snake. 13 An ideally perfect place. 15 Makes even. 17 A foot-lever. 19 A kind of conduit. 20 Boy. 22 To throw carelessly. 25 A beverage. 27 Note in tonic solfa scale. Asterisks indicate abbreviations. *Answer next week*

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His Alibi

TEACHER: Now, Smith, tell me what you know about the Nordic race.

Smith: I didn't see it, sir. I was at the football match.

Last Week's Answers

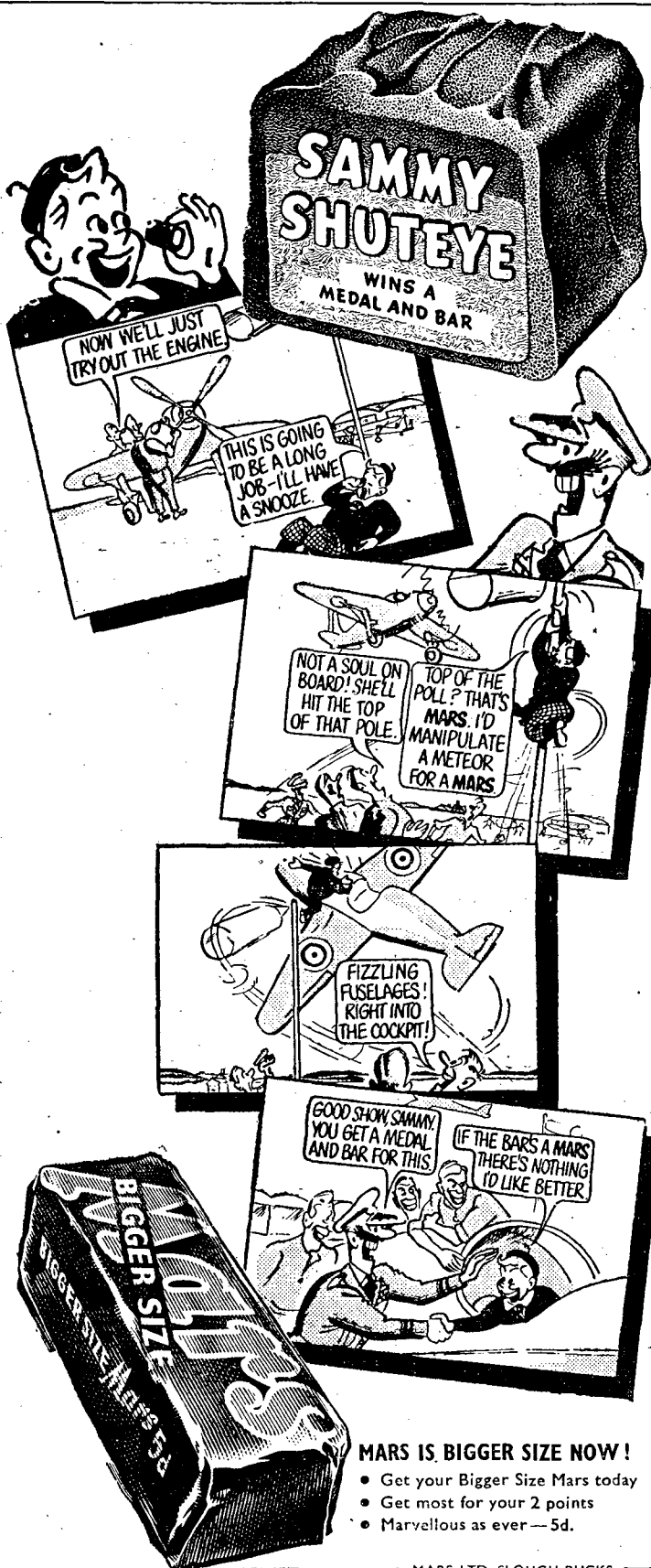
Hidden Insects

Earwig, fly, wasp, ant, guat, bee, moth

Easy (50) as A B C (8)

Fade. Bach, head, bade, styx, spry, puts, toys

Riddle-My-Name: Robin



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